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Examiner: Samir Anwar AHMED

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Dear Sir:

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Samir Ahmed and Examiner Tommy Chin on 22 March 2007. Based on these conversations, Applicant understands the full non-machine translation will be considered.

Japanese Publication No. JP-A-03-239902 along with a non-machine-translation of the entire reference is enclosed. Applicant certifies that they have received the non-machine translation within the last three months.

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